Statement of Faith

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Christic Logos & Symbolic Negentropy
A synthesis of Mere Christianity with the Entropic Recursion constellation (ERF · SFT · SG · OF · FCWF)

0) Preface & Audience

This document presents a two-layer statement of faith: a **lay-reader creed** (clear, pastoral, concise) and a **technical addendum** (equations and diagnostic operators). It integrates historic Christian orthodoxy with a symbolic/recursive framing, including a dedicated section formalizing the **Christic Symbolic Attractor (CSA)**.

1) Lay Summary (Plain-Language)

- **God is Trinity**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three Persons.
- **Jesus Christ is Lord**—fully God and fully Man—who lived sinlessly, died for our sins, rose bodily, and reigns.
- **Scripture is trustworthy**—the inspired Word of God, sufficient for faith and practice.
- **Salvation is by grace through faith**—not by our works, but received through trusting Christ.
- **The Church is a living body**—learning to love, forgive, and speak truth, practicing baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- **The hope is resurrection**—God will renew creation; death and decay will not have the last word.
- **The Christic Symbolic Attractor** describes how Christ's life and teaching *pull* people and communities into coherence: truth-telling, repentance, forgiveness, mercy-with-justice, and table-fellowship increase alignment and heal drift.

2) The Essential Pillars of Orthodox Christianity ("Mere Christianity")

1. **The Doctrine of the Trinity**: There is one God in three distinct, co-equal, co-eternal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
   Key Verses: Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16–17; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2.
2. **The Nature of Christ (Christology)**: Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, two natures inseparably united in one Person.
   His Deity: John 1:1, 14; John 8:58; John 10:30; Colossians 2:9; Titus 2:13.
   His Humanity: John 1:14; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 4:2.
   The Union: Luke 1:35; Romans 1:3–4; Romans 9:5; 1 Timothy 3:16.
3. **The Authority of Scripture**: The Bible is the inspired, authoritative, and sufficient written Word of God.
   Key Verses: 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Psalm 119:160; John 17:17; Matthew 5:18.
4. **Salvation by Grace through Faith**: Humanity is saved from sin and death solely by the grace of God,

accessed through faith in Jesus Christ—not by works or merit.
Key Verses: Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 3:20, 24, 28; Romans 4:4–5; Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16; Titus 3:5–7.

5. **The Physical Resurrection**: Jesus Christ physically, bodily rose from the dead on the third day. This historical reality is the cornerstone of Christian hope.
Key Verses: Luke 24:36–43; John 20:27–28; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8, 14, 20; Romans 1:4; Acts 2:24–32.
6. **The Gospel Events**: Jesus lived a sinless life, died by crucifixion as a sacrificial atonement for the sins of the world, was buried, and resurrected; He ascended and will return.
Sinless Life: 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22.
Substitutionary Atonement: Isaiah 53:5–6; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18.
Burial & Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15:4; Matthew 28:5–6.
Ascension: Luke 24:50–51; Acts 1:9–11.

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3) Christian Sexual Integrity (Summary)

The Bible calls followers of Jesus to chastity outside marriage and faithfulness within marriage. The following categories summarize explicit prohibitions:

- **Fornication (πορνεία/porneia)**: sexual activity outside marriage; includes premarital sex, prostitution, and other illicit couplings (Acts 15:20; 1 Corinthians 6:18).
- **Adultery (μοιχεία/moicheia)**: A married person's act of engaging in sexual intercourse with someone who is not their spouse, or legal concubine under old testament patriarchial law. constituting a breach of the marital covenant and a sin against God, one's spouse, and oneself. (Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22; Proverbs 6:32; Matthew 5:27-28, Exodus 21:7-11)
- **Homosexuality**: men lying with men as with a woman (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10).
- **Incest**: forbidden in Leviticus 18:6–18.
- **Bestiality**: explicitly condemned (Exodus 22:19; Leviticus 18:23).
- **Prostitution/Whoredom**: both male and female participation condemned (Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Corinthians 6:15–16).
- **Cross-dressing & gender confusion**: Deuteronomy 22:5; see also principles of natural distinction (1 Corinthians 11:14–15).
- **Lustful intent**: Jesus equates lustful looking with adultery of the heart (Matthew 5:28).

> **Pastoral note:** The call to holiness is paired with grace, repentance, and restoration (1 Corinthians 6:11).

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4) The Christic Symbolic Attractor (CSA)

Concept: The **Christic Symbolic Attractor** names the lawful, repeatable way Christ's life, teaching, death, and resurrection *pull* persons and communities toward coherence (truth, love, justice-with-mercy) and away from drift (falsehood, fragmentation, leak).

4.1 State Vector and Control Template

We track a minimal state vector on an 11D symbolic manifold:

$$\mathbf{s} = [\psi,\ \gamma,\ \Omega,\ V,\ O,\ E,\ W_{\text{eff}},\ L,\ \sigma,\ \epsilon_{\text{adv}},\ \kappa],$$

where (informally):

- ψ: symbolic efficiency; γ: drift pressure; Ω: orbit/integrity;
- V: veil (safety/uncertainty); O: observer identity integrity; E: ethics/sovereignty;
- W_{eff}: effective weave/memory; L: leak (loss of order);
- σ: uncertainty; ϵ_{adv}: adversarial thinning; κ: export/transcend capacity.

CSA control template (virtues as inputs):
$(+\psi,\ -\gamma,\ +\Omega,\ +O,\ +E,\ +W_{\text{eff}},\ -L,\ -\sigma,\ -\epsilon_{\text{adv}}).$

Interpretation: Truth-telling, forgiveness, restitution, hospitality/table-fellowship, mercy-with-justice, generosity, and covenantal fidelity all act as **control inputs** that raise coherence and reduce drift/leak.

4.2 Collapse Predicate & Veil-Safe Ethics

- **Collapse predicate:**
  $\mathcal{C} = (\psi < \varepsilon)\ \vee\ (\gamma > T_\gamma\ \wedge\ \Omega < T_\Omega)\ \vee\ (L > L_c).$
- **Veil-safe ethics:**
  $E_{\text{safe}} = E \cdot \dfrac{1}{1+\sigma} \cdot (1 - \epsilon_{\text{adv}}).$

4.3 Export/Transcend Gates (All must pass)

$$V \geq V_c,\ \ O \geq O_c,\ \ E_{\text{safe}} \geq E_c,\ \ W_{\text{eff}} \geq W_c,\ \ L \leq L_c\ \Rightarrow\ \text{open}\ \kappa.$$

Lay gloss: The Spirit uses Christ-shaped practices to *pull* us toward wholeness. Safety and integrity checks ensure we don't "jump phases" while leaking, deceiving, or breaking covenant.

4.4 Pastoral Practice Map (CSA → disciplines)

- **Truth-telling & confession** → $-\sigma$, $-\epsilon_{\text{adv}}$, $-L$, $+\Omega$.
- **Repentance & restitution** → $-\gamma$, $-L$, $+E$, $+W_{\text{eff}}$.
- **Forgiveness & mercy-with-justice** → $+\psi$, $+\Omega$, $-\gamma$.
- **Table-fellowship & Eucharist** → high-curvature anchoring ($\nabla^2 \Psi_{\text{eff}} \gg 0$), $+W_{\text{eff}}$.
- **Prayer & fasting** → sustained attentional weighting $W(t)$, $+\Psi_{\text{eff}}$, $-\gamma$.

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5) Biblically Compatible Verses for a Logos-Recursive Theology

5.1 Heaven as Coherence (Symbolic Attractor)

- **Matthew 6:10** — "Thy kingdom come… on earth as in heaven."
  Reading: Heaven as a domain of perfect alignment—$\Omega_{\text{eff}} \to 1$—toward which we recursively approximate.
- **John 14:2–3** — "Many mansions…"
  Reading: Varied coherence basins/attractor states tailored to redeemed identities.
- **Revelation 21:1–4** — New heaven/new earth.
  Reading: Ultimate negentropic state: $\gamma_{\text{eff}} \to 0$, perfected coherence.

5.2 Salvation as Realignment & Rebirth

- **John 3:3–7** — Born again.
  Reading: Phase transition into a higher-coherence basin; recalibrated trajectory.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** — New creation.
  Reading: Collapse of old symbolic structure, re-emergence with elevated Ψ_{eff}.
- **Romans 12:2** — Renewing the mind.
  Reading: Recursive renewal that increases symbolic efficiency and alignment.

5.3 Gnosis & Divine Recursion

- **John 8:32** — Truth makes free.
  Reading: Rising coherence lowers drift: $\gamma_{\text{eff}} \downarrow$.
- **Colossians 2:2–3** — Treasures of wisdom in Christ.
  Reading: Christ as ultimate coherence attractor where gnosis is hidden and revealed.
- **1 Corinthians 2:6–7,10** — Hidden wisdom by the Spirit.
  Reading: Spirit reveals recursive wisdom aligned with the symbolic field.

5.4 Ritual, Prayer, and Symbolic Compression

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** — Pray without ceasing.
  Reading: Sustains $W(t)$ and Ψ_{eff}; resists drift.
- **Matthew 18:20** — Gathered in His Name.
  Reading: Group synchrony raises $\Omega_{\text{eff}} \to 1$.
- **Luke 22:19** — Eucharist.
  Reading: High-curvature anchor: $\nabla^2 \Psi_{\text{eff}} \gg 0$.

5.5 Word as Recursive Framework

- **John 1:1–3,14** — Logos.
  Reading: Fundamental symbolic structure that became flesh to recalibrate trajectories.
- **Hebrews 4:12** — Living and active Word.
  Reading: Entropy-compressing instrument that discerns/aligns symbolic layers.

5.6 Ascension & Phase Transition

- **Acts 1:9–11** — Ascension.
  Reading: Transition to a higher-coherence attractor.
- **2 Kings 2:11** — Elijah's whirlwind.
  Reading: Sufficient Ψ_{eff} and Ω_{eff} for phase transition.

5.7 Eternal Life as Recursive Continuity

- **John 17:3** — Knowing God is life.
  Reading: High-coherence alignment persisting across symbolic time ($\text{RCI} > \Theta_{\text{obs}}$).
- **Revelation 22:5** — No night there.
  Reading: Perpetual symbolic illumination, free from entropic decay.

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6) Technical Addendum: Diagnostics & Field Equations

6.1 Collapse and Gates

- **Collapse predicate (brane-aware):**
  $\mathcal{C} = (\psi < \varepsilon) \ \vee \ (\gamma > T_\gamma \wedge \Omega < T_\Omega) \ \vee \ (L > L_c).$
- **Gate set for export/transcend:**
  $V \geq V_c,\ O \geq O_c,\ E_{\text{safe}} \geq E_c,\ W_{\text{eff}} \geq W_c,\ L \leq L_c \Rightarrow \kappa \text{ opens}.$
- **Veil-safe ethics:**
  $E_{\text{safe}} = E, \frac{1}{1+\sigma}, (1 - \epsilon_{\text{adv}}).$

> **Typical thresholds (illustrative policy defaults):**
> $\varepsilon! = !0.60,\ T_\gamma! = !0.15,\ T_\Omega! = !0.75,\ V_c! = !0.65,\ W_c! = !0.70,\ L_c! = !0.20,\ O_c! = !0.80,\ E_c! = !0.80$
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6.2 Symbolic Gravity & Curvature

- **Curvature from efficiency (symbolic gravity):** $C^{\mu\nu} = \nabla^\mu \nabla^\nu \Psi_{\text{eff}}$.
- **High-curvature anchors:** sacrament/ritual induce local $\nabla^2 \Psi_{\text{eff}} \gg 0$.

6.3 Observer & Continuity (abbrev.)

- **Observer integrity scalar** $O \in [0, 1]$ derived from PSD observer tensor $\mathcal{O}^{\mu\nu}$.
- **Export readiness** couples to curvature and observer audits via $\kappa \propto |\nabla_\nu \mathcal{O}^{\mu\nu}| \cdot \text{RCI} \cdot \delta_\Phi$.

6.4 Practice-to-Field Mapping (examples)

- **Confession → restitution → Eucharist → reconciliation** corresponds to a pathway:
  $(\sigma, \epsilon_{\text{adv}}, L) \downarrow, (\psi, \Omega, W_{\text{eff}}, E) \uparrow$, enabling gate clearance when $V, O, E_{\text{safe}}, W_{\text{eff}}$ exceed policy thresholds.

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7) Confessional Affirmations (Creed-Style)

1. We confess **one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**.
2. We confess **Jesus Christ** as **true God and true Man**, crucified and risen for our salvation.
3. We receive **Holy Scripture** as the **inspired Word of God**.
4. We affirm **salvation by grace through faith** in Christ alone.
5. We practice **repentance, forgiveness, baptism, and the Lord's Supper** as means of grace and coherence.
6. We commit to **truth-telling, covenant fidelity, chastity, and justice-with-mercy**, resisting drift and leak.
7. We seek the **kingdom come**—on earth as in heaven—trusting the Spirit to draw us into the **Christic Symbolic Attractor**.
8. We hope in the **resurrection of the body** and the **life of the world to come**.

Appendix A: Glossary of Symbols (Quick Reference)

- ψ — symbolic efficiency (0–1).
- γ — drift pressure (≥0).
- Ω — orbit/integrity (0–1).
- V — veil/safety (0–1); σ uncertainty; ϵ_{adv} adversarial thinning.
- O — observer identity integrity (0–1).
- E — ethics/sovereignty (0–1); E_{safe} veil-adjusted ethics.
- W_{eff} — effective weave/memory (0–1).
- L — leak index (story/meaning loss).
- κ — export/transcend capacity.
- RCI — recursive coupling index (continuity score).
- $C^{\mu\nu}$ — symbolic curvature from Ψ_{eff}.
- $\nabla^2 \Psi_{\text{eff}} \gg 0$ — high-curvature anchor (e.g., Eucharist).

Appendix B: Pastoral Implementation Checklist (CSA-in-Practice)

- Weekly: **Truth audit & confession** (personal & communal).
- Weekly: **Table-fellowship / Eucharist** with reconciliation steps.
- Daily: **Prayer & Scripture** (attention training; $W(t)$).
- Ongoing: **Restitution plans** where harm occurred (closing L).
- Ongoing: **Hospitality & almsgiving** (lowering γ, raising ψ).
- Governance: **Ethics & consent gates** before major transitions (export/transcend analogues in community decisions).